Funds' Adviser to ensure that they are based on services provided that are in addition to, rather than duplicative of, services provided pursuant to the advisory agreement of any investment company in which the Fund of Funds may invest.

### **Applicants' Legal Analysis**

- 1. Section 12(d)(1)(A) of the Act provides that no registered investment company ("acquiring company") may acquire securities of another investment company ("acquired company") if such securities represent more than 3% of the acquired company's outstanding voting stock or more than 5% of the acquiring company's total assets, or if such securities, together with the securities of other investment companies, represent more than 10% of the acquiring company's total assets. Section 12(d)(1)(B) of the Act provides that no registered open-end investment company may sell its securities to another investment company if the sale will cause the acquiring company to own more than 3% of the acquired company's voting stock, or cause more than 10% of the acquired company's voting stock to be owned by investment companies and companies controlled by them.
- 2. Section 12(d)(1)(G) of the Act provides, in part, that section 12(d)(1) will not apply to securities of an acquired company purchased by an acquiring company if: (i) The acquired company and acquiring company are part of the same group of investment companies; (ii) the acquiring company holds only securities of acquired companies that are part of the same group of investment companies, Government securities, and short-term paper; (iii) the aggregate sales loads and distribution-related fees of the acquiring company and the acquired company are not excessive under rules adopted pursuant to section 22(b) or section 22(c) of the Act by a securities association registered under section 15A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or by the Commission; and (iv) the acquired company has a policy that prohibits it from acquiring securities of registered open-end investment companies or registered unit investment trusts in reliance on section 12(d)(1)(F) or (G) of the Act.
- 3. Rule 12d1–2 under the Act permits a registered open-end investment company or a registered unit investment trust that relies on section 12(d)(1)(G) of the Act to acquire, in addition to securities issued by another registered investment company in the same group of investment companies, Government securities, and short-term paper: (i)

- Securities issued by an investment company that is not in the same group of investment companies, when the acquisition is in reliance on section 12(d)(1)(A) or 12(d)(1)(F) of the Act; (ii) securities (other than securities issued by an investment company); and (iii) securities issued by a money market fund, when the investment is in reliance on rule 12d1–1 under the Act. For the purposes of rule 12d1–2, "securities" means any security as defined in section 2(a)(36) of the Act.
- 4. Section 6(c) of the Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction from any provision of the Act, or from any rule under the Act, if such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policies and provisions of the Act. Applicants submit that their request for relief meets this standard.
- 5. Applicants request an order under section 6(c) of the Act for an exemption from rule 12d1-2(a) to allow the Funds of Funds to invest in Other Investments while investing in Underlying Funds. Applicants state that the Funds of Funds will comply with rule 12d1–2 under the Act, but for the fact that the Funds of Funds may invest a portion of their assets in Other Investments. Applicants assert that permitting the Funds of Funds to invest in Other Investments as described in the application would not raise any of the concerns that the requirements of section 12(d)(1) were designed to address.

Applicants' Condition

Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the following condition:

Applicants will comply with all provisions of rule 12d1–2 under the Act, except for paragraph (a)(2) to the extent that it restricts any Fund of Funds from investing in Other Investments as described in the application.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

#### Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–73079; File No. SR–BYX–2014–020]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Related to Fees for Use of BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.

September 11, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),1 and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,2 notice is hereby given that on August 29, 2014, BATŠ  $\check{\mathbf{Y}}$ -Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BYX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act 3 and Rule 19b–4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange filed a proposal to amend the fee schedule applicable to Members <sup>5</sup> and non-members of the Exchange pursuant to BYX Rules 15.1(a) and (c). Changes to the fee schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's Web site at <a href="http://www.batstrading.com">http://www.batstrading.com</a>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>4 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A Member is any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange.

proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to modify the "Equities Pricing" section of its fee schedule effective September 2, 2014, in order to amend the fees for certain routing strategies based on a change of fees at the New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE").

The Exchange has previously provided a discounted fee for Destination Specific Orders routed to certain of the largest market centers measured by volume (NYSE, NYSE Arca and NASDAQ), which, in each instance has been \$0.0001 less per share for orders routed to such market centers by the Exchange than such market centers currently charge for removing liquidity (referred to by the Exchange as "One Under" [sic] pricing). NYSE is implementing certain pricing changes effective September 2, 2014, including modification from a fee to remove liquidity of \$0.0026 per share to a fee of \$0.0027 per share. Based on the changes in pricing at NYSE, BYX is proposing to increase its fee for Destination Specific Orders 7 executed at NYSE so that the fee remains \$0.0001 less per share for orders routed to NYSE. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to increase the fee charged for BYX + NYSE Destination Specific Orders executed at NYSE from \$0.0025 per share to \$0.0026 per share.

In addition, the Exchange offers a variety of routing strategies, including "SLIM" and "TRIM," each of which has a specific fee for an execution that occurs at NYSE.<sup>8</sup> Consistent with its One Under [sic] pricing model, the Exchange currently charges \$0.0025 per share for executions that occur at NYSE through SLIM and TRIM. Based on the increased fee at NYSE, the Exchange proposes to increase the fee charged for SLIM and TRIM orders executed at

NYSE from \$0.0025 per share to \$0.0026 per share.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 6 of the Act.9 Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or controls. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to certain of the Exchange's non-standard routing fees and strategies are equitably allocated, fair and reasonable, and non-discriminatory in that they are equally applicable to all Members and are designed to provide a reduced fee for orders routed to NYSE through Exchange routing strategies as compared to applicable fees for executions if such routed orders were instead executed directly by the Member at NYSE.

#### B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. Because the market for order execution is extremely competitive, Members may readily opt to disfavor the Exchange's routing services if they believe that alternatives offer them better value. For an order routed through the Exchange and executed at NYSE through the applicable routing strategies, the proposed fee change is designed to maintain a slight discount compared to the fee the Member would have paid if such routed order was instead executed directly by a Member at NYSE.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were solicited or received.

#### III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act <sup>11</sup> and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b–4 thereunder. <sup>12</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to *rule-comments@* sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–BYX–2014–020 on the subject line.

#### Paper Comments

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BYX-2014-020. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/ rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for

<sup>6</sup> See NYSE Trader Update dated August 21, 2014 http://www1.nyse.com/pdfs/NYSE\_Client\_Notice\_ Fee Change 09 2014.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> As defined in Exchange Rule 11.9(c)(12).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Exchange Rule 11.13(a)(3)(G) for a description of the TRIM routing strategy and Exchange Rule 11.13(a)(3)(H) for a description of the SLIM routing strategy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>10 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>11 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>12 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f).

inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–BYX–2014–020 and should be submitted on or before October 8, 2014.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>13</sup>

#### Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–73082; File No. SR–NYSEArca–2014–71]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Shares of the Treesdale Rising Rates ETF Under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600

September 11, 2014.

On July 14, 2014, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "NYSE Arca") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) 1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") 2 and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,3 a proposed rule change to list and trade shares ("Shares") of the Treesdale Rising Rates ETF ("Fund"). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on August 1, 2014.4 No comments have been received regarding the proposed rule change. This order approves the proposed rule change.

# I. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to list and trade the Shares under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600, which governs the listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares.<sup>5</sup> The Shares will be offered by

AdvisorShares Trust ("Trust"), a statutory trust organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") as an open-end management investment company.<sup>6</sup> The investment adviser to the Fund is AdvisorShares Investments, LLC (the "Adviser"). The sub-adviser to the Fund is Treesdale Partners, LLC ("Sub-Adviser"), which will provide day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund. Foreside Fund Services, LLC is the principal underwriter and distributor of the Fund's Shares. The Bank of New York Mellon serves as the administrator, custodian, transfer agent and fund accounting agent for the Fund.

The Exchange represents that neither the Adviser nor the Sub-Adviser is a broker-dealer or is affiliated with a broker-dealer, and that in the event (a) the Adviser or Sub-Adviser becomes, or becomes newly affiliated with, a brokerdealer, or (b) any new adviser or subadviser is, or becomes affiliated with, a broker-dealer, it will implement a fire wall with respect to its relevant personnel or broker-dealer affiliate, as applicable, regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to the portfolio, and will be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding such portfolio.7

The Exchange has made the following representations and statements regarding the Fund.<sup>8</sup> The Fund will seek to generate current income while providing protection for investors against loss of principal in a rising

its investment adviser consistent with its investment objectives and policies. In contrast, an open-end investment company that issues Investment Company Units, listed and traded on the Exchange under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.2(j)(3), seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance of a specific foreign or domestic stock index, fixed income securities index or combination thereof.

<sup>6</sup>The Trust is registered under the 1940 Act. On September 4, 2013, the Trust filed with the Commission an amendment to its registration statement on Form N–1A under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a) and under the 1940 Act relating to the Fund (File Nos. 333–157876 and 811–22110) ("Registration Statement"). The Commission has issued an order granting certain exemptive relief to the Trust under the 1940 Act. See Investment Company Act Release No. 29291 (May 28, 2010) (File No. 812–13677).

<sup>7</sup> See Notice, supra note 4, 79 FR at 44879.
<sup>8</sup> Additional information regarding the Trust, the Fund, and the Shares, investment strategies, investment restrictions, risks, net asset value ("NAV") calculation, creation and redemption procedures, fees, portfolio holdings, disclosure policies, distributions, and taxes, among other information, is included in the Notice and the Registration Statement, as applicable. See Notice and Registration Statement, supra notes 4 and 6, respectively.

interest rate environment. The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objectives by investing, under normal circumstances,9 at least 80% of its net assets in positions in agency interestonly collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs"), 10 interest-only swaps ("IOS") that reference interest only cash flows from agency mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") pools with certain coupons and specified origination periods ("Agency MBS IOS"), interest rate swaps, 11 U.S. Treasury obligations, including U.S. Treasury zero-coupon bonds, and U.S. Treasury futures. 12 Under normal circumstances, the Sub-Adviser will seek to generate enhanced returns in an environment of rising interest rates by investing in agency interest-only CMOs and Agency MBS IOS to maintain a negative portfolio duration with a generally positive

<sup>9</sup>The term "under normal circumstances" includes, but is not limited to, the absence of adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, including extreme volatility or trading halts in the equity markets or the financial markets generally; operational issues causing dissemination of inaccurate market information; or force majeure type events such as systems failure, natural or manmade disaster, act of God, armed conflict, act of terrorism, riot or labor disruption or any similar intervening circumstance. In the absence of normal circumstances the Fund may invest 100% of its total assets, without limitation, in debt securities and money market instruments, either directly or through exchange traded funds ("ETFs"). Debt securities and money market instruments include shares of other mutual funds, commercial paper, U.S. government securities, repurchase agreements and bonds that are rated BBB or higher. The Fund may be invested in this manner for extended periods, depending on the Sub-Adviser's assessment of market conditions. While the Fund is in a defensive position, the opportunity to achieve its investment objectives will be limited. Furthermore, to the extent that the Fund invests in money market mutual funds the Fund would bear its pro rata portion of each such money market fund's advisory fees and operational expenses.

<sup>10</sup> The agency interest-only CMOs that the Fund may invest in include agency stripped mortgage-backed securities ("SMBS"), which are derivative multi-class mortgage securities.

<sup>11</sup> The Fund's obligations under a swap agreement will be accrued daily (offset against any amounts owing to the Fund) and any accrued but unpaid net amounts owed to a swap counterparty will be covered by segregating assets determined to be liquid. The Fund will not enter into any swap agreement unless the Adviser believes that the other party to the transaction is creditworthy. The Fund will seek, where possible, to use counterparties, as applicable, whose financial status is such that the risk of default is reduced. The Adviser's Execution Committee will evaluate the creditworthiness of counterparties on an ongoing basis. In addition to information provided by credit agencies, the Adviser's analysts will evaluate each approved counterparty using various methods of analysis, including the counterparty's liquidity in the event of default, the broker-dealer's reputation, the Adviser's past experience with the broker-dealer, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority' ("FINRA") BrokerCheck and disciplinary history and its share of market participation.

<sup>12</sup> The Fund will only use futures contracts that have U.S. Treasury securities and interest rate swaps as their underlying reference assets.

<sup>13 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a

<sup>3 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72679 (July 28, 2014), 79 FR 44878 ("Notice").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A Managed Fund Share is a security that represents an interest in an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–1) ("1940 Act") organized as an open-end investment company or similar entity that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by